

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Twice Amended) A recording unit for recording an event, comprising:
- a data acquisition device for obtaining recording data representing the content of the event;
  - a data storage device for storing data, including recording data;
  - a control interface device for enabling a user to control operation of the recording unit, the control interface device further comprising marking means for enabling the user to specify a non-contemporaneous mark; and
  - a system controller that causes, in response to the specification of a non-contemporaneous mark by the user, the data storage device to store marking data associating the non-contemporaneous mark with recording data obtained at a marked time different from the marking time at which the non-contemporaneous mark was specified by the user;
- wherein the non-contemporaneous mark is specified by the user at a time when the recording data with which the non-contemporaneous mark is associated is neither being obtained by the recording unit nor displayed to the user.
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2. (Once Amended) A recording unit as in Claim 1, wherein the marking means is adapted to enable specification of a retrospective mark that is associated with recording data obtained at a marked time prior to the marking time at which the retrospective mark was specified by the user.
3. (Once Amended) A recording unit as in Claim 1, wherein the marking means is adapted to enable specification of a predictive mark that is associated with recording data obtained at a marked time subsequent to the marking time at which the predictive mark was specified by the user.
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6. (Once Amended) A recording unit as in Claim 1, wherein the marking data further defines a confidence level that represents the certainty of the user that the marked recording data is the recording data that the recorder desires to mark.
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12. (Once Amended) A recording unit as in Claim 11, further comprising means for mounting one or more components of the recording unit on the body of the user.
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Control
15. (Twice Amended) A portable recording unit for recording an event, comprising:
- a data acquisition device for obtaining recording data representing the content of the event;

a data storage device for storing data, including recording data;

a control interface device for enabling a user to control operation of the recording unit, the control interface device further comprising marking means for enabling the user to specify multiple types of marks;

a system controller that causes, in response to the specification of a mark by the user, the data storage device to store marking data associating the specified mark with particular recording data; wherein

the meaning of one of the multiple types of marks is definable by the user.

21. (Once Amended) A portable recording unit as in Claim 15, wherein the multiple types of marks include one or more marks indicating the user's state of mind.

35. (Once Amended) A portable recording unit as in Claim 15, wherein the system controller causes, in response to the specification of a mark by the user, operation of the recording unit in a predetermined manner in accordance with the type of the mark.

36. (Twice Amended) A recording unit for recording an event as recited in Claim 15, wherein at least one mark indicates a level of importance or interest of the content which the marked recording data represents.

40. (Twice Amended) A recording unit for recording an event, comprising:

a data acquisition device for obtaining recording data representing the content of the event, the recording data comprising data that may be used by a replay system to provide a user-perceptible reproduction of some human-perceptible occurrence that took place during the event;

a data storage device for storing data, including recording data;

a control interface device for enabling a user to control operation of the recording unit;

means for producing a mark, wherein the means for producing a mark further comprises means for producing a mark and/or supplementing or modifying an existing mark based on the value of, or an analysis of, data acquired by the recording unit; and

a system controller that causes, in response to the specification of a mark by the user, the data storage device to store marking data associating each mark with particular recording data;

wherein the means for producing a mark and/or supplementing or modifying an existing mark produces, supplements or modifies based on the value of, or an analysis of, the data that may be used by a replay system to provide a non-visual, user-perceptible reproduction of a non-visual, human-perceptible occurrence that took place during the event.

41. (Twice Amended) A recording unit for recording an event, comprising:

a data acquisition device for obtaining recording data representing the content of the event;

a data storage device for storing data, including recording data;

a control interface device for enabling a user to control operation of the recording unit;

means for producing a mark, wherein the means for producing a mark further comprises means for producing a mark and/or supplementing or modifying an existing mark based on the value of, or an analysis of, data acquired by the recording unit; and

a system controller that causes, in response to the specification of a mark by the user, the data storage device to store marking data associating each mark with particular recording data;

wherein:

the recording unit further comprises means for acquiring non-visual, human perceptible data other than recording data; and

the means for producing a mark and/or supplementing or modifying an existing mark produces, supplements or modifies based on the value of, or an analysis of, the non-visual, human perceptible data other than recording data.

45. (Twice Amended) For use in a recording unit being used by a user to record an event, a method for non-contemporaneously marking recording data obtained by the recording unit, comprising the steps of:

identifying the specification of a non-contemporaneous mark; and

in response to an identification of the specification of a non-contemporaneous mark, storing marking data associating the non-contemporaneous mark with recording data obtained at a marked time different from the marking time at which the non-contemporaneous mark was specified;

wherein the non-contemporaneous mark is specified by the user at a time when the recording data with which the non-contemporaneous mark is associated is neither being obtained by the recording unit nor displayed to the user.

50. (Once Amended) A method as in Claim 45, wherein the marking data further defines a confidence level that represents the certainty of the user that the marked recording data is the recording data that the recorder desires to mark.